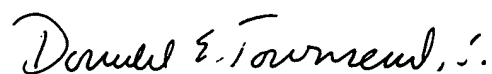


### **REMARKS**

The amendments to Claims 9, 11, 13-17 and 23 are made to eliminate the multiple dependencies and to place the claims in proper U.S. format. The effects of the foregoing amendments relate only to matters of form, and the substance of the claims remain the same. The present amendment is deemed not to add new matter. Claims 1-23 are in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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